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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE REISSUE APPLICATION OF: FRANKS ET AL.

U.S. PATENT 5,098,893

:EXAMINER RUSSEL, J. (ANTICIPATED)

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION (CONTINUATION OF 09/270,791, FILED 03/17/99)

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:GROUP ART UNIT 1653 (ANTICIPATED)

FOR: STORAGE OF MATERIALS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

I. IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-16.

Please add the following new claims.

-- 17. A process of forming a composition which is storage-stable at 20° C, said composition comprising the steps of:

- (1) dissolving to form an aqueous solution
 - (a) a carrier substance which is water-soluble or water-swellable and
 - (b) at least one material to be stored;
- (2) evaporating liquid water from said solution to convert said solution into a composition in a glassy state;

wherein said composition has the properties that it is storage-stable and exists in said